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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 139504 ACTION PARIS JUNE 16.

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E.O. 11652: XGDS-3

TAGS: PFOR, VN, US

SUBJECT: US-SRV NEGOTIATIONS

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DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTOPHER'S JUNE 11 SPEECH AT OCCIDENTAL
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-- RE RECENT CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITY, THE ADMINISTRATION IS ACTIVELY AND OPENLY OPPOSING SEVERAL LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENTS WHICH WOULD PLACE ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS ON SUCH MATTERS

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